

Significant Event	Portage Parishes and Significant Dates (updated 6/18/2026)				
Original Name (& Ethnic Heritage)	Saint Joseph (No specific ethnic designation, but included Italian, Irish, German and Lithuanian)	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Slovak)	Sacred Heart of Jesus (Polish)	Saint John the Baptist (Hungarian)	Holy Family (All ethnic groups)
Date Parish was Established	1898	June 30, 1907 as a Mission July of 1910 as a Parish	July 1909	October 4, 1923	August 17, 2015
Cornerstone Laid	August 15, 1898	1940	October 1909	1922	N/A
Cemetery Established	N/A	December 10, 1908 Additional space purchased in 1913 & 1950	August 7, 1911	?	All Roman Catholic Cemeteries in Portage administered by Holy Family
First Church Dedicated (or Rededicated)	November 25, 1898	1 st worship site of the Mission was the renovated skating rink and dance hall on corner of Main Street and Sonman Ave.	1922	1923	August 17, 2015 (When merged with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Altar was Rededicated)
Second Church Dedicated	November 1961	June 21, 1964	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parish School Started	1916	N/A	1924	N/A	N/A
Parish School Closed	1999	N/A	1959	N/A	N/A
Religious Communities who Served the School/Parish	*Sisters of Mercy (Mt. Aloysius) *TOR Franciscans (Loretto)	*TOR Franciscans (Loretto)	*Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (Gallitzin) *Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus *OFM (Unknown)	?	*TOR Franciscans (Loretto) *Carmelite Community of the Word (Ebensburg) *Sisters of Saint Ann (Ebensburg)

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Date Parish was Merged & Renamed	w/ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, renamed Holy Family, August 17, 2015	w/ Sacred Heart & St. John the Baptist, renamed Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, September 9, 1999	w/ Assumption & St. John the Baptist, renamed Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, September 9, 1999	w/ Assumption & Sacred Heart, renamed Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, September 9, 1999	N/A
Relegated	N/A	February 8, 2019	February 8, 2019	2004	N/A
Feast Days	Solemnity of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary, March 19 + Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday after the 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24 + Obligatory Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, August 29	Feast of the Holy Family, December 30 or 1 st Sunday after Christmas
Status of each Church and property	The original Saint Joseph Church continues at the 509 Caldwell Ave. location as Holy Family Parish.	The Rectory and most of the property were sold in July 2016. The Church, remaining property and parking lot were sold in August 2020.	The Church, Rectory and Classroom building were demolished in 2021. Property, including parking lot and a garage are owned by Holy Family Parish.	The building and property changed hands several times. Was purchased by The (Polish) National Catholic Church in 2019. Was renamed Holy Cross Church.	The original Saint Joseph Church continues at the 509 Caldwell Ave. location as Holy Family Parish